



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 11, 2020

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered.

Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential

persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

TITLE: Special Use Administration

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0596-0082

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Several statutes authorize the Forest Service (FS) to issue and administer authorizations for use and occupancy of National Forest System (NFS) lands and require the collection of information from the public for those purposes. The laws for authorizing the use and managing these uses of NFS lands include: The Organic Administration Act of 1897 (16 U.S.C. 551); Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1761-1771); The Act of March 4, 1915 (16 U.S.C. 497); The National Forest Ski Area Permit Act (16 U.S.C. 497b); Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 185); The National Forest Roads and Trails Act (FRTA, 16 U.S.C. 532-538); Section 7 of the Granger-Thye Act (16 U.S.C. 480d); The Act of May 26, 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6d); The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814); Act of September 3, 1954 (68 Stat. 1146; 43 U.S.C. 931c, 931d); Archeological Resource Protection Act of October 31, 1979 (16 U.S.C.1996); The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Forest Service regulations implementing these authorities are found under Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 251, Subpart B (36 CFR 251, Subpart B). Information collected include submission of applications, execution of forms, and imposition of terms and conditions that entail information collection requirements, such as the requirement to submit annual financial information; to

prepare and update an operating plan; to prepare and update a maintenance plan; and to submit compliance reports and information updates.

Under this request, FS seeks to amend an existing form FS-2700-4i (Special Use Permit for Outfitting and Guiding) and create two supporting documents, FS 2700-4i, Appendix H (Annual Stewardship Act Fee Offset Agreement) and FS-2700-4i, Appendix I (Stewardship Act Fee Offset Claim Certification). The burden hours in this notice only account for the amendment to the existing form and the creation of the two new supporting documents, and not the overall collection.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The information collected is evaluated by the FS to ensure that authorized uses of NFS lands are in the public interest and are compatible with the agency's mission. The information helps each agency identify environmental and social impacts of special uses for purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and program administration. Information is collected under six categories: (1) information required from proponents and applicants to evaluate proposals and applications to use or occupy NFS lands; (2) information required from applicants to complete special use authorizations; (3) annual financial information required from holders to determine land use fees; (4) information required from holders to prepare and update operating plans; (5) information required from holders to prepare and update maintenance plans; and (6) information required from holders to complete compliance reports and information updates.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 20

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 50

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